

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JUNE 14, 1858.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. YULEE made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 652.]

*The Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, to whom was referred a bill from the House of Representatives, No. 652, entitled "An act to repeal the second section of the act entitled an act to establish certain post roads," approved June 14, 1858, beg leave to report:*

That the section referred to was intended to call the attention of the Postmaster General to the importance of providing for the most speedy and certain transportation of the great commercial mail between the two extremes of the Union; that it did not propose to prescribe any route to the department, nor to create any route, but only to recommend expedition of the mail upon such routes as may be employed by the department in conformity with law for transporting mails between the points designated.

The committee report, further, that the purpose of the provision in the section which required one of the daily mails to pass through as many seaboard commercial cities as might be consistent with the greatest despatch, was to include in the benefit of such improvements as the department might adopt as many commercial cities as might be consistent with the leading design of expedition. Such provision was deemed advisable, because the great mass of foreign exchange is created in these cities, and every hour of delay in the transmission of such matter is a commercial loss; and inasmuch as the foreign mails depart from New York, Boston, and Portland, and a large part of the foreign bills originate in New Orleans and the other southern cities, regularity and certainty in the communication between these points (including Portland, Portsmouth, Salem, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Norfolk, Alexandria, Richmond, Petersburg, Wilmington, Charleston, and Savannah) was of great public interest.

The legislation proposed to be repealed they consider advisable, and unanimously recommend that the bill no not pass.